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In reply, refer to WTR-5

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Re: NHPA Section 106 Consultation – Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project
Request for EPA to be Consulting Party

Dear Mr. Calle:

Thank you for your letter of September 13, 2012 to request initiation of consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) on the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project. EPA understands Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSMRE) will be the lead federal agency for the Section 106 consultation. As noted in previous communications, OSMRE is also the lead for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process currently underway for the project. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (EPA) is a cooperating agency in the NEPA process.

As noted in your letter, EPA has a related federal action for the project to issue a new or revised Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Therefore, EPA requests to be a consulting party in the Section 106 consultation. EPA's point of contact for the Section 106 consultation is:

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EPA has reviewed the Area of Potential Effects (APE) presented in the letter and attachments. We are in agreement that the proposed APE is inclusive of the area potentially affected by EPA's action. We have no additional comments at this time.

Sincerely,

David W Smith, Manager
NPDES Permits Office